

Strengthening agricultural education

1045. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced an additional Rs. 200 crores assistance to State Agricultural Universities to strengthen agricultural education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of additional financial assistance that has been granted to the universities in Orissa for technology demonstration for accelerated productivity in the agricultural field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Additional funds of Rs. 200 crores for the year 2006-07 have been allocated for reforms in agricultural education as per the following details:—

Activity	Allocation (Rs. in crores)
Human Resource Development	10.00
Civil Works	20.00
Equipments	120.00
Experiential Learning Units	50.00
TOTAL:	200.00

(c) An amount of Rs. 640.00 lakhs has been allocated to Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar as an additional financial assistance from the above mentioned amount of Rs. 200.00 crores as per the following details:—

Activity	Funds Allocated (Rs in lakhs)
Experiential Learning Units	140.00
Equipments	450.00
Civil Works	50.00
TOTAL:	640.00